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PATRIOT MILE CALL
In addition to the state police, a number of guides can provide assistance if you are involved in an accident or your vehicle breaks down. They include the Virginia State Police, the Virginia National Guard, and the State Police. Assistance, then, is available over 24 hours per month.

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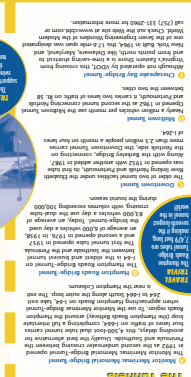


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The Bridges

Free Hampton Roads Map inside

Southeastern Virginia, or Hampton Roads, is a unique area. Its natural assets have made it one of the busiest ports on the East Coast and home to the largest naval base in the world, not to mention a summertime destination for thousands of visitors. These same assets — the harbor and many rivers and inlets — can create challenges for Hampton Roads drivers.

Four tunnels and four major bridges help connect Hampton Roads, allowing residents and visitors safe, convenient travel. Two of the tunnels are part of the Hampton Roads Beltway, a large loop with its inner lanes traveling clockwise and its outer lanes traveling counterclockwise. (See map inside.)

This brochure is designed to help you get to, from, and around Hampton Roads as easily as possible.



BEST BET
Try taking the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel instead of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, especially during times when traffic may be heavy. It may add a few miles to your trip, but it could save you hours! And, in fact, if you're going to Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk and some parts of Norfolk, it's simply the fastest route.

Keeping Things Moving

Incident Management
To make the crossings safer and keep traffic moving, safety service vehicles and police patrol units are stationed at various points on the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel, the James River Bridge, and the Downtown and Midtown Tunnels. These pickups and wreckers carry gasoline, air, fire extinguishers, flares, jacks, water and other equipment.

Tunnel & Bridge Traffic Management System
VDOT operates traffic management systems on most of the Hampton Roads crossings. These state-of-the-art, computerized systems incorporate Smart Travel technology into operating and maintaining safety and reducing traffic congestion on the roads and bridges and in tunnels. Remote telemetry cameras, monitors and road sensors alert employees of traffic stoppages. Message signs linked to the computerized traffic systems alert motorists of possible delays and alternate route information.

What to do if there's trouble
If you're involved in an accident or your vehicle breaks down on one of the bridges or tunnels, simply stay with your vehicle and wait for help to arrive. An incident team will be dispatched quickly to help. As the tunnels and most bridges are monitored 24 hours a day. To call the police from your cell phone, dial *477.



Bridges & Tunnels